

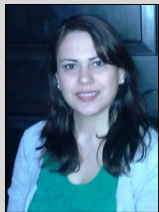
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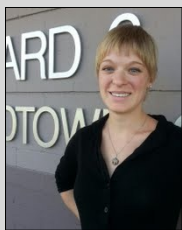
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Ward 6 Newsletter

Tucson First

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Special M&C Meeting

City Manager Town Hall

Thursday @ 5:30pm – Council Chambers (255 W Alameda)

We got this scheduled after my last newsletter went out, so a bit of short notice, but if you want to be a part of the process of our selecting the new City Manager, Thursday @ 5:30pm is an opportunity. Come to Council Chambers, fill out a speaker's card and we'll all be there ready to receive your input as to what you'd like to see in the person we eventually select.

Short-Term Rentals

In the greater Tucson region there are over 600 homes listed online as available short-term rental properties. That's only with a company called Home Away. There are others in the industry, too. According to a survey done by Visit Tucson, approximately 20% of all room rentals in a given year in Tucson go through unregulated companies such as Home Away. Since they're unregulated, we don't collect any bed tax money from them. And even though they're operating as a business, we don't collect any business license fees either. That's easily bumping \$2M annually that we're leaving laying on the table.

Yes, there is a financial component to my having brought this item forward for our consideration. But there's more.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

Environmental Services
791-3171

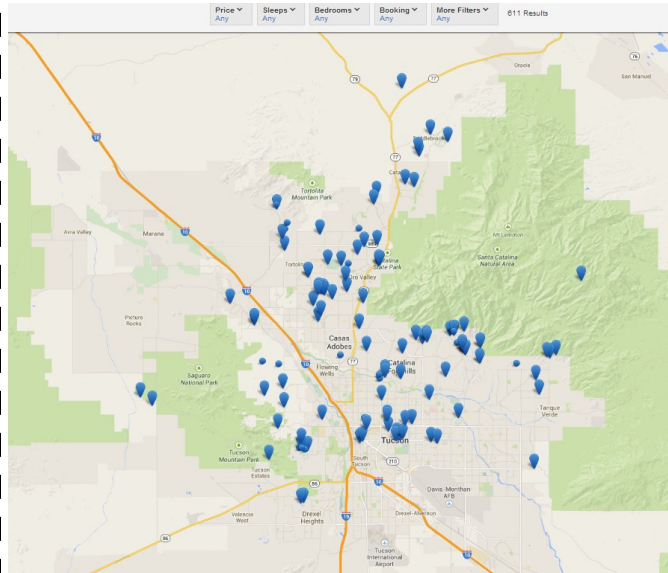
Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima County Animal Control
243-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve



Here's a map that shows how widely dispersed these homes/businesses are in our region. As you can see, they're all over Pima County. It'd be nice to see a region-wide approach to some form of regulation of this industry, but I'm fine with letting Tucson take the lead.

I say "some form of regulation" because it's clear the Genie's out of the bottle and at this point we're playing catch-up with corralling some of what we're now losing. But another part of this is to level the playing field between these unregulated shared-

economy businesses and those businesses that currently make up our traditional hospitality industry. Hotels, B&Bs and motels all go through important licensing processes to ensure the safety and health of their clients. There's a Pima County health component, a Certificate of Occupancy that guarantees the place is safe structurally, and zoning conditions intended to protect the ambience of surrounding areas. None of the shared-economy businesses have to contend with any of that.

There's also the issue of homeowners who are placing themselves at risk of litigation if an accident occurs on their property while they're renting it out. Even if you plan on using your place in that manner, I believe it's important that you understand the risks you're assuming.

On Tuesday I invited Brent DeRaad from Visit Tucson and Marion Hook from our Small, Minority, Women Owned Business Commission to come and share their thoughts on this growing industry. They affirmed that this is an international issue, and that a few localities are right now wrestling with new Ordinances intended to bring it to rein. Like I said, the Genie's already out of the bottle. What I hoped to do with this study session item was to begin to study how we can bring some equity into how it's operating in our local business environment.

It meets a demand and provides income for people. The shared-economy holds a legitimate place in the market.

But we have over 22,000 jobs in Pima County that rely on tourism. The U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution that affirms those 22,000 people deserve consideration in the form of some fair play. With that in mind I offered a motion that begins a public process of studying the local impacts and how we can bring some of the shared-economy operators to the table to find a middle ground. Other jurisdictions have done it, so can we!



With our vote to support that motion, staff will now reach out through our SMWBC and Visit Tucson and pull together a group of stakeholders to begin that study. I've asked for them to report back to us within 90 days with the results of their efforts. I'm hopeful that we can get some regulations on the books prior to the return of the winter visitors later this year. It's fair to our local hospitality industry, safer for the homeowners who are renting out their properties, and we need the cash that's now being left uncollected.

New Business License Fees

A while back staff had proposed that we adopt a new \$20 annual fee to be charged to local businesses, the intent being to cover costs we have yet to identify that'll come from new State enacted rules related to how we collect taxes. At that time I did not support the new fee, largely because we didn't know how much the new law is going to cost us, whether those costs are ramp-up costs or permanent, or how much the \$20 would in fact bring in. Staff now estimates that it'll generate just over \$500K annually. We asked staff to run it through our Small Business Commission and bring back a new proposal. On Tuesday, they did that.

I still didn't support what was in front of us.

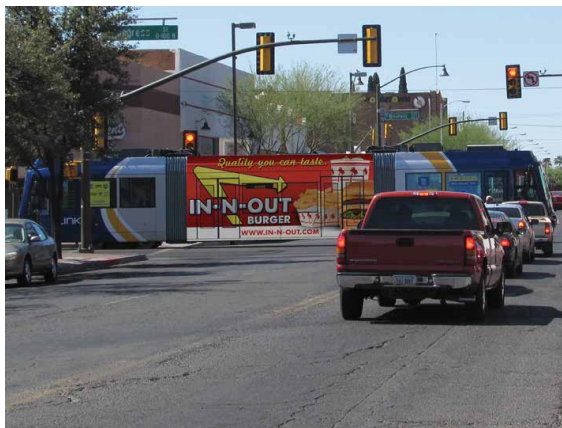
The SMWBC recommended that we split the baby and charge a \$10 annual fee, on top of the \$50 businesses are already paying. That Commission was told by staff that the \$10 would be sufficient to cover the costs of administering the new State Tax program. But staff was still recommending to us that we double the fee to \$20. We still don't know how much it's going to cost us to administer the new tax laws, how much this new fee will generate, and whether the costs (if any) we'll face in administering the new law will level out and go away in time. What we do know is that the new Occupational Fee is going to be regressive; that is, it'll hit the small local businesses more significantly than the large corporate firms that pay more in sales taxes, the cost of which this fee is aimed at recovering. With that set of facts, I couldn't support adding another fee onto the same group we were trying to protect with the shared-economy, short-term rental action we took.

I was in the minority on this vote. M&C decided to go forward with the new fees as proposed by the Commission. I'll grant that it's likely not going to send anybody over the edge, but I didn't like the message of yet another fee, or the lack of clarity on how much it'd generate vs. how much the program is costing us. We'll study it and can always revisit it later, if the data don't justify what we did – or, in fairness if the data show that we didn't adopt a fee high enough to capture our true costs.

Streetcar Signage

...and just for the record, we were advised last week that staff is considering selling wrap-signage on the inside and exterior of our streetcars. Below is a rendering of what the exterior signage would look like. As soon as I received the email giving us this image I sent a reply in opposition.

I think it looks trashy. The estimated revenue is



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

about \$100K annually – but that’s for both the inside and the exterior. Those are relatively small dollars. And some of them would simply come from money that’s now being spent on signage located at bus stops.

I wouldn’t cannibalize one revenue source to fund another, especially if the appearance is what’s shown above.

Impact Fees

If you ever read the end of a book before you start at the front, you’ll feel at home in how I handle this item. My conclusion is that the Impact Fee Statute that the State adopted back in 2011 was intentionally punitive to municipalities, to the extent that it will hamper our ability to provide necessary infrastructure associated with new development. It was another example of the State Legislature passing legislation that will ultimately hurt the constituents they purport to represent. In order to address that, I’ve asked staff to calculate how much we’d have to increase our current sales tax on construction and construction related materials (currently @ 2%) in order to compensate for the loss of impact fees if we elected to totally stop collecting them.



Impact fees are charges to projects that are intended to help defray the cost to the community for roads, parks, police and fire associated with the new development. In 2011, the State changed the rules and gave cities until this year to rewrite their ordinances to comply with the new Statute. On Tuesday, we pushed the new Ordinance forward towards final adoption.

Some of the reasons I’m not at all supportive of the direction this is going include these:

- We will have to go through the re-drafting process every 5 years.
- We have an annual report due to the State that will require a tremendous amount of detail and research – and will probably sit on somebody’s shelf and never be read.
- There are refund provisions written into the law that will require more administrative burdens.
- There’s a timeline on how quickly the money collected from the fees must be spent.
- The fees are offset by other potential Funding Districts we might want to establish to, for example, pay for O&M on the streetcar.
- Very broadly, the Statute is explicitly intended to control what jurisdictions can collect, and how each one arrives at the basis for setting their own individual level of fees.

It’s overreach from Phoenix, yet again. Our “small government” legislature placed us in the position of increasing our bureaucracy and costing the taxpayers money in the process. And it’s the law.

I voted against moving the process forward, not because I feel our fee structure is inconsistent with the new Statute, but because I didn’t want a unanimous voice coming from our governing body that the State could infer was consent with what they did with this new law. When we’re getting the shaft, we need to let them know we’re not happy campers.

In fairness, what M&C adopted is probably the best we could do under the circumstances. We set a cap on our fees that reflects the maximum we could arguably impose under the Statute, but we will in fact only charge the level of fees we're now charging. We'll jump to the new, higher fees between now and the middle of 2016. There's a legislative option to move to them sooner, if we feel that's warranted.

I asked staff to let us know how high our construction sales tax would need to be raised in order to allow us to get completely out from under SB1525. If it's a reasonable number, I'd support asking the voters to approve the increase and dump the Impact Fee program into a landfill.

The implementation of the Ordinance is scheduled for around Christmas of this year. We'll need to know the comparison to construction sales tax shortly after that if we're going to have time to get that question on the ballot in the fall of 2015.

Medical Marijuana



When the voters approved the use of medical marijuana back in 2010, there was a lot of uncertainty about what we'd experience when dispensaries and off-site cultivation operations began to sprout up. We've now seen that none of the predicted doomsday scenarios have occurred. Based on that, we moved the ball forward in terms of adjusting how we manage this new business in Tucson.

From a process standpoint I think we did this correctly. That is, we talked about some of our concerns during a recent study session and then sent the issue to the Planning Commission for their review. The P.C. held two public hearings, both of which I attended. The input they received from the public was more far-reaching than what we had asked about, so the recommendations they sent back to us went beyond what we asked them to study. I'm fine reacting to the public and not only acting according to our own limited perspectives. We are adopting several changes and also sending items back to the Planning Commission for more study. First the changes:

Size of off-site cultivation operations – current restriction is 3,000 sq/ft. Planning Commission recommendation was to remove the size restriction entirely. We've heard that the Feds will look more closely at facilities of greater than 10,000 sq/ft. That's a risk individual operators will have to assess. We all agreed to remove the size restriction.

Permit infusion kitchens in dispensaries – currently we don't allow kitchens in dispensaries. The Planning Commission recommended we remove that restriction. I agreed. So did M&C.

Reduce setbacks from all but K-12 schools @ 500' – currently off-site cultivation centers must be set back 1,000 feet from schools, churches, libraries, public parks and other similar sites. The State only requires a 500' setback from schools. The Planning Commission recommended that we limit our setbacks to schools, only. I agreed. So did M&C.

Adjust parking for off-site cultivation operations – currently off-site cultivation centers are subject to the same parking regulations that any other "industrial" user is in I-1 and I-2 zones. The difference is that these cultivation centers virtually never have the intensity of

parking needs that say a manufacturing plant will need. The Planning Commission recommended adjusting the parking requirements to match reality. I asked staff what standard they're recommending – their intent is to require no more than 10 spaces for very large facilities. I agreed to that. So did M&C.

Hours of operation 7am – 10pm – current hours of operation for dispensaries are limited to 9am – 7pm. The Planning Commission recommended extending those to 7am – 10pm. I agreed. So did M&C.

Delivery to qualified patients – currently we prohibit delivery of medical pot to qualified patients. In the same sense as is true of the hours of operation, if we're truly going to treat this as medicinal, then we should do so with respect to putting in place guidelines that don't unduly inhibit the patients' ability to get their meds. The Planning Commission recommended that we allow delivery to any qualified patients. During the Board hearing there was disagreement among the members – some wanted the deliveries to be limited to dispensaries while others wanted to allow home delivery. The majority said okay to the homes. I agreed. So did M&C. It's important to note that these transactions have to be taped and significant records kept. You're not going to see the analog of a Domino's Pizza delivery van running through the neighborhoods. In fact, you won't know it's even going on.

Expand size of retail dispensaries to 4K sq/ft - currently retail dispensaries are limited to 2,500 sq/ft. The Planning Commission recommended either 4,000 sq/ft if we didn't require a kitchen, or 3,500 sq/ft if we did. We've been down the 'too restrictive' road already. I supported the larger sq/ft option, whether or not the place has a kitchen. So did M&C.

Extend sunset date to 4 years – We have a sunset date of 2 years right now. The Planning Commission recommended a 4 year sunset to the changes we're making. I support that (so did M&C) because the reality is the people investing in these operations are doing it on a cash basis. Banks are still not loaning money on grow sites or dispensaries, so in order to lock in a time frame that reflects the risk the investors are personally taking, the 4 year sunset was fair.

Because of the rules governing the public's ability to participate in how we make changes such as these, there were a few items we had to send back for more public comment. Those included looking at placing a cap on the number of dispensaries we allow in Tucson, the size of off-site grow sites that are located in C-2 and C-3 zones, and the requirements we impose on things we require for retail uses in C2 and C3 zoned areas (landscape, setbacks, etc.) I'm inclined to want to see a limit of 1 dispensary per Ward, approve the increase in size restrictions, and to see some leeway in the retail land use issues. But the Planning Commission will go through their public hearing process again and we'll see what they send back to us. I suspect we'll see something on those items before the end of the calendar year.

“What were they smoking?”

Should we close Congress to vehicular traffic during 2nd Saturday's? Should we close it for special events? I don't know. But what I do know is that a decision such as that – one that affects hundreds of merchants all over the downtown core and on 4th Avenue – is a deci-

sion that deserves to be discussed with all the affected parties *prior to* it being made.

On Monday it was rather ungracefully announced at an early morning meeting that we're going to close Congress this weekend. The irony is that the meeting at which it was announced was the one that's now happening as a result of the City not meeting in advance with merchants when they decided to shut down the 4th Avenue underpass on weekends. Sometimes you're left speechless...

But the merchants represented at the meeting weren't speechless – and the result was a 5pm meeting that same night that included the 2nd Saturdays organizers, Downtown Merchants Council, 4th Avenue Merchants Association, my staff, and a couple of city staffers who were not responsible for having made the Congress street decision. Without getting into the blow-by-blow, the result of the meeting was that Congress will remain open, we'll control pedestrian traffic in other ways, and that no decisions such as this will take place in the future without first, ahead of time, engaging in a conversation like the one we had at 5pm.

I know there's support for closing Congress from the 10th floor of City Hall. The Mayor won himself an above the fold headline stating as much about a year ago. The issue then was the same as it is now; that is, talk to people first. Get differing perspectives. Weigh options. We're not empowered to operate as an island unto oneself. This isn't an autocracy.



I guess we'll see if the message sunk in. We may differ on the outcomes, but if the process we use in getting there is flawed, it doesn't much matter what the outcome is.



It's election season again – seems to always be election season (reminds me of a Jimmy Buffet song “It's 5 o'clock somewhere”) – and Arizonans for Gun Safety Tucson sent out a survey that I'll share here. They sent it to everybody who's running for office in Arizona, but I'll limit what I put here to those who represent some portion of Ward 6.

Where you see a “?” it only means there isn't a voting history, or the candidate didn't respond to that question.

Office	Name	Mandatory background checks?	Child access prevention laws?	Should cities be able to exceed State limits?	Guns should <u>not</u> be present in public places	Limit on access to military style weapons
Rep	Ron Barber	Yes	?	?	?	Yes
Rep	Martha <u>McSally</u>	?	?	?	?	No
Rep	<u>Raul Grijalva</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep	Gabby Mercer	No	?	?	?	No
<u>Gov</u>	Fred Duval	Yes	?	?	?	?

Gov	Doug Ducey	?	?	?	?	No
Gov	Berry Hess	?	?	?	No	No
Gov	John Mealer	No	No	No	No	No
LD9	Randy Frieze	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LD9	Victoria Steele	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LD9	Ethan Orr	No	No	No	No	?
LD10	David Bradley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LD10	Mark Morrison	?	?	?	?	?
LD10	Stefanie Mach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LD10	Bruce Wheeler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LD10	William Wildish	Yes	No	No	No	No
LD10	Todd Clodfelter	No	No	No	No	No

If there are other candidates you'd like to check out, you can request a full version by sending an email to azgstucson@gmail.com. They're going to continue receiving responses up through September 13th, so some of what's shown above might have the blanks filled in by then.

Why do these positions matter? Because not too long ago, this was a headline you may have seen:

Arizona law bans destroying guns purchased in buyback programs

May 04, 2013 | By Michael Mello |



Tucson police officers catalog weapons at a gun buyback program in January.... (Brian Skoloff / Associated...)

TUCSON — City- or county-sponsored gun buybacks — often used in larger cities to entice people to give up their handguns — have become effectively pointless in Arizona with legislation signed by Gov. Jan Brewer.

The bill prohibits cities and counties from destroying any guns that come into their possession; instead, the firearms must now be sold to federally licensed dealers.

The law started out as a set of guidelines on how government agencies should handle property that was confiscated, used as evidence, or turned in to law enforcement agencies, with an eye toward generating money for strapped programs. Eventually, the provision preventing local government from destroying such weapons was added.

It's not a dead issue everywhere, though. On August 30th, San Diego residents took part in a gun exchange similar to what I organized back in January of 2013. The gift cards they

were offered were \$200 (we offered \$50 Safeway cards). One of the residents over there who took part made this comment: "I had a gun collecting dust and it's been collecting dust in my family for probably 30 years and no one has fired it or anything. It could always fall in the wrong hands if it got burglarized or something." His instincts were correct. According to the San Diego police department, 115 guns were stolen last year in their city. All the weapons they collected at the exchange will be destroyed.

"No guns = No money"

And in Terre Haute, Indiana, a gun dealer has started a campaign among gun enthusiasts in which they'll call for a ban on businesses that ban guns from their premises. The guy said he wants his supporters to band together and deny business to retailers and others who won't allow them to carry their guns inside. It's to counter the success that Mom's Demand Action has had recently in getting several chains to introduce a ban on weapons inside of their stores. Those include Target, Chipotle, Starbucks, Facebook, Instagram, Jack-in-the-Box, Sonic, and Chili's.

Thanks to the Arizonans for Gun Safety folks. Regardless of which side of the issue you're on, their survey will inform your vote.

Labor Negotiations

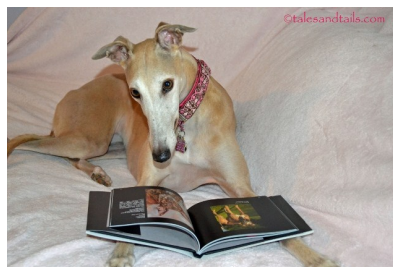
One of the more meaningful items we got done earlier this year was to put in place a new process for negotiating the labor agreements we have with police and fire. That 'Meet and Confer' process will now have a chief negotiator for the City who's not a direct City staffer. The hope is to instill some confidence on both sides of the table that the conversation is a two-way street. Also embedded in this new process will be putting a cost figure on each item that's proposed. For too long the public hasn't known the full value of what they're paying for in these agreements. Now, they will.

The City negotiator is Bob Guth. In naming him, the City has sent out to the unions the required 30 day notice that good faith bargaining will start in mid-October. All matters relating to wages, fringe benefits, working conditions and hours of work will be fair game for the process.

Mr. Guth has been chief spokesman for Raytheon/Hughes since 1996. During that time, they've reduced the size of their contracts by more than 100 pages, and have reduced the individual job classifications from over 100 down to 26. That builds flexibility into how a company can run its operations. I'm hoping we're able to see some of that as we move through this process. Whether it's pensions, sick leave sell back, or management decisions related to how we operate in the field, everybody at the table needs to understand the challenging financial times we're in and how that reality has to be reflected in how we look at the terms and conditions that come out of these talks.

Greyhound 101

Well, it's not really the dog who's going to be studying, but it'll be anybody who's interested in learning how to transition a Grey from the racetrack into a home environment.



On Saturday, September 13th the Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption group (SA Greys) will be conducting a one-hour orientation that'll help you decide whether or not adopting a Grey who's done with the track is for you. These dogs are coming from a unique background.

Other dogs that you can adopt most generally come from a domestic background that includes being in and around peoples' homes. They've seen stairs, television sets, and kids. They've walked on tile floors. Not so with Greyhounds who have been stuffed in the Tucson Greyhound Park kennels. Prior to that experience, most were reared on training farms or at other tracks.

The orientation will be held at the Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library out at 530 N. Wilmot. It'll run from 10:30am until 11:30am. If you'd like to check it out, please RSVP to Linda @ 297.8412, or send them an email at this address: volunteer@sagreyhoundadoption.org The trend towards shutting down the industry is a nationwide one. Last week both the Washington Post and the Chicago Examiner had large stories that painted the picture of just how reliant the tracks are on the off-track betting. We know, and the Arizona Department of Racing's own audit confirmed that Tucson Greyhound Park is done, kaput, if the owners don't send a cash infusion.

Nationally, betting on greyhound racing — both trackside and at simulcast locations — has tanked from a peak of \$3.5 billion in 1991 to \$665 million in 2012. At one time, more than 50 tracks operated in 15 states. Now, 21 tracks remain in seven states. TGP is the only one on the west coast. People are hip to the conditions the dogs are kept in and with that, interest has dropped off. Legislatures have begun to reexamine the requirement that casinos operate — and subsidize — greyhound racing as a condition of offering slots, poker, and blackjack. Even Phoenix toyed with dropping the coupling of the two last spring. The effort started too late in the session so it didn't get done.

Massachusetts voted to ban racing altogether in 2010. Iowa became the latest State to cut the connection between casino revenue and dog tracks in May when their Governor signed a law that will shutter one of the State's two tracks and eliminate the yearly \$14 million subsidy to the greyhound industry. Our legislature still has the annual subsidy that you're paying, instead of seeing the money go to fix our roads or teach our kids. We're close to making the changes that other States already have. In the meantime, the SA Grey folks will be happy to share their program with you this weekend.



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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Arizona Energy Masters

The UA's Cooperative Extension is offering an 'Energy Masters Program.' It's not a graduate-level program, but is a series of 7 classes in which participants will gain an overview

of energy efficiency, how to conduct an energy audit, and ultimately how to take what they learn back to their homes and businesses and implement it.

The course is open to anybody who has an interest in understanding the energy choices we make and seeing the economics and environmental implications of those decisions. The next set of classes starts on October 6th and will run through November 18th. They're held from 6pm until 8pm out at the Controlled Environment Ag Center (1951 E. Roger). They're limited to 25 people per class, so if you think this is something you'd like to do, you're well advised to sign up soon.

To register, go online to <https://www.regonline.com/arizonaenergymasters>. The cost is \$95 for people who can give 20 hours of volunteer time w/in the next 9 months, or \$145 if you can't commit to that.

These classes fill up. If you have any questions, the guy to contact is Mark Apel at either 458.8278 x2181, or maple@cals.arizona.edu. He'll fill in any blanks I've left here.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute

Another opportunity for you to get involved in a learning environment is being offered by the Pima County Community Development folks. It's called the Neighborhood Leadership Institute and is going to take place on Saturday, September 13th. The contact person for signing up is Leslie Nixon (243.6769 or leslie.nixon@pima.gov).

The purpose of the training is to help residents, primarily those who live in stressed areas, become more effective in how their organizations work when interacting with the City and County. They'll cover areas such as how to lead meetings, how to strengthen government relations, and there will be opportunities to share the successes and challenges you've experienced.

The training will run from 9am until 2pm out at the Pima County Housing Center (801 W Congress). If you're a designated representative of a neighborhood group, there's no cost to participate. If you're not, there's a \$50 fee. The Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is sponsoring this class. They're a bond funded program whose purpose is to revitalize stressed areas through funding small capital improvement projects that are selected through a community consensus process. This course on the 13th is tied in with that mission.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .



La Pilita Museum

420 S. Main
Tucson, AZ 85701
lapilita.com

Startup Weekend Tucson 2014

Friday, September 12-14

CoLab Workspace, 17 E Pennington St

Startup Weekend is an intense 54-hour long , hands-on experience where entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs can find out if startup ideas are viable. The event focuses on building out the framework of an innovative business in the over the course of a weekend and creating a business model or product prototype.

<http://startuptucson.com/events/startup-weekend-2014/>

Ongoing

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave

2014-15 Season Opening Weekend!

This classic American program kicks things off in high style with Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from the 1944 musical, "On the Town", George Gershwin's Piano Concerto performed by Mr. Lefèvre and concludes with the essential American symphony, Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3. Two performances on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

"Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" The winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play! Written by Christopher Durang, Directed by Joel Sass

September 13 – October 4, 2014

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd
<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St
<http://hotelcongress.com>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd
www.loftcinema.com

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave
www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave
 Temple of Shadows. August 21st to November 1st.
 Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd
 Opening October 18, 2014
Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
 Now through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."
<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.
 Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
 Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com>

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>



Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas
Community Volunteer Clean Up & Beautification Program



Tucson Clean & Beautiful volunteers donated 30,500 hours to beautifying Tucson in 2013!

This is our community - let's clean it up!

VOLUNTEER!

Tucson Clean and Beautiful is seeking community volunteers to adopt parks, streets, washes, and other available public areas on an ongoing basis!

There are over 700 sites available for adoption!

What does "adopt" mean?

- Your group agrees to clean 'your' site up (remove litter and debris) once a month!
- We provide supplies such as litter grabbers, gloves and bags!

Who can adopt?

- Groups of at least five individuals commit to monthly cleanups.
- A permanent sign recognizing your group will be placed at the adopted site and we will celebrate your first six months with a ceremony!

Why do this?

- We *can* make Tucson better with *everyone's* participation!

Give a few hours of your time to bettering the community!

Adopting a park allows groups to show pride in their community. It is set up for groups to visit the chosen park on a regular basis to pick up litter and perform other tasks to help keep the park clean.

Adopting a street or traffic circle allows groups to take an active role in the appearance of neighborhoods by transforming a litter strewn and weed infested area into a clean area.

Adopting a wash allows groups to free the washes of litter so that these corridors are clear for wildlife and prevent flooding.

Make a meaningful, long-lasting contribution to Tucson. Adopt a park, street, or wash today!

To become a part of Tucson Clean and Beautiful's environmental stewardship efforts and for more information visit www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org, email adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov or call 791-3109.